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#### The First Page.

of course, the years of the war span,

rib'e time, the future must look

ly. Is society advancing toward higher ideals and better conditions of life? Only the chronic pessimist, with no look, will deny the affirmative an-

ter chances for life, better advantages ter morals. We are living in a cleaner time, with a greater number of people on a rising plane of social relationship. There is more charity, there is more justice, there is more human sym-

Let us greet it gladly and cheerfully

### The Executive Inaugural Car.

ported, still in working condition. This ment and pride of service. proposal, however, has not only been the President-elect has chosen to adopt parture, which will lessen the pic- at any time. turesqueness of the procession. An It is gratifying to find the chairman a pair of horses or a team of four that adds to the spirit of a formal fers the motor he will be so accomnew experience in seeing this device forts of life. in an inaugural parade for the first

Many commercial experts believe that if the reds can be interested in trade they will lose their taste for more relentless and less profitable

### Making Germany Disarm.

grave character develops today in what it used to be. Germany. Under the terms of the Spaconvention, if by this date the Gerpromises respecting disarmament the ist must now be a high-class business allies may occupy the basin of the man as well as a scientist. Rubr. Up to date Germany has falled to comply with her agreement on the She has pleaded inability to demobilize the forces of a certain grade, particuarly in East Prussia and Bavaria. A ciation of the time allowance and of disposition is manifest for the Berlin the amount of work to be done. The for and authority over those portions amount of work prodigious. of the former empire, still members of the German body politic. In Rest to the routine. That is pressing. The Prussia, she contends, the excess government must function, and it cantroops are needed as protection against not function without supplies. And possible invasion from the east and in those supplies should be voted intel-Bavaria she has urged that the Bavarian state government will not consent. There is a manifest lack of good faith in the various explanations given Items are not properly explained, and and the failure of the authorities at Berlin to state the case in a way to now and then in the confusion bills heroes of the old stories by coming convince even the German people, fail, and makeshifts have to be pro- back home on Christmas eve and payfrom whom many objections have al- vided in the way of resolutions for ing the mortgage in the old place?" ready arisen on the score of disin- carrying on. genuousness on the part of the gov-

any has been threatened if Ber-

oward secession in Bavaria, and at ly decided to put the new Congress to the time of the revolution following work shortly after the old Congress the kaiser's abdication the state very has expired. Knowing that the counnearly left the German system-in try does, he also desires results on set up at Munich for a short period, can be obtained.

plete harmony between England and business that cannot wait without det-France on the score of the means to riment to public interests. be adopted to bring Germany to a ment. The French are naturally more

case of occupation the French troops would be chiefly employed. It has been recently disclosed in dispatches markedly more so than against England. Of course, even though the Berlife. If we could see through the veil nition and has secretly trained masses undertake a campaign with any posforce could not in all probability cross the Rhine and would be crushed sure ly before it reached the old frontier. Yet paid a bitter penalty. There is ground

### The Low Government Pay Scale.

now for her insistence upon the full-

Chairman Good of the House approhave acquired special qualifications tion to the eventual happiness and ests, commercial, industrial and educaand for whose services outside inter-

public business. The case

of the patent office has been frequently cited. In the Department of After laying his men off Henry Ford a political affair, in which "Gen. Bar-nett misrepresented the Marine Corps commerce, in the Department of Justice Post (democratic) interprets it rather as a professional than a political affair, in which "Gen. Bar-nett misrepresented the Marine Corps casely as Admiral Sims misrepresented the Name of the tice, in the Treasury Department-in fact, in every branch of the government these changes are continually oc developed special aptitudes are drawn larger pay. Some of them have comanded much larger pay than the most conceivably generous governmental scale would afford them.

It has been pointed out again and again that the government is one of the poerest paymasters of any American employer. In the higher executive positions men must almost invariably sacrifice materially when they leave private life for public posts. Not infrequently it happens that a man lated converning him. promise and wonderful possibilities! tive positions men must almost inness connection in order to take a position in the cabinet. But these are not the cases in point. The real backbone of the service is constituted by the men who get between \$1,500 and The other day a suggestion was \$5,000 a year. Save in a few cases made by a correspondent of The Star of elderly workers who have remained that the retiring and incoming Presi- beyond the point of readjustment, most dents should ride to and from the of these people could get better pay

Capitol on Inauguration day in the old in outside employment. But they are George Washington family coach, now held by two factors, the comparative stored at Mount Vernon, and, it is re- certainty of the government employ-It is not proposed that the govern negatived, but it is announced that ment compete with the private employ-

ers, but that it advance its scale to for the first time in the history of the the point of assuring its workers deinaugural proceedings an automobile cent living compensations. The scale for transport to and away from the itself has not been revised for many scene of the official induction into of decades. It is the only wage scale in fice. Thus instead of the coach of America that has remained stationary. nearly a century and a half ago the The trifling addition called a bonus, chief figures in the inaugural parade first \$120 and then \$240 a year, was next March will be carried in a ve- in no sense a meeting of the rising hicle most strictly of the present type. needs of life. It was at best an an-There will be some regret at this de- nual donation, subject to withdrawal

automobile is not a romantic means of the House committee taking the of transport. There is something about broad ground of recognition of the needs of the service in respect to the adoption of a pay scale that will at There are no blossoms to extend parade. But if the President-elect pre- least enable the government to hold its valued workers without compelling modated, and Washington will have a them to sacrifice the elementary com-

> Business in Russia is expected to revive to a degree that will divert everybody else is going to be as un-Tretsky's attention from political literature and afford him congenial occupation in prospectus writing.

Berlin protests that some of the German regions defy orders to disarm. The despotic discipline that was once A crisis that may be of extremely Germany's boast is apparently not

man government has not fulfilled its at this time is credit. An agricultur-

Two Months. Beginning Monday, Congress will buckle to its work, with a clear apprerument to disclaim responsibility time allowance is two months, and the

The time should be given wholly

Hurrying with supply bills is dangerous business. "Jokers" slip in. some are not explained at all. And

this time. The table should be cleared. ness like that from Josh. He came Separation of Bavaria from Ger- The new Congress will have all the back with a brand-new automobile business it can possibly attend to, and showed me how I could berrow lin attempts to comply with the al- Prospects are for a long special ses- enough money to pay for it."

lied demand for disbandment. There sion and a long regular first session re divided councils on the allied side Indeed, there may be but a very little as to whether this would not be a day ight between the two sessions. satisfactory issue out of the difficulty. As for questions outside the routine A separation of Bavaria would leave that are pressing, there is hope in Germany much weaker as a state, the fact that the special session will There has always been a tendency be called early. Mr. Harding has wise-

> Let us have, then, the time between new and adjournment day devoted to

#### An Undivided Responsibility.

terms of which they were familiar.

Mr. Harding, then, will enter the priations committee, in an interview guide by the Chicago chart. This will call for republican advisers-men who like himself, are pledged to the party's

In this way the administration will

dicap upon the administration of stead of the exterior of the pension of-

away by the tender of only slightly that will not compel the income tax

lated concerning him

Reports continue to come across Pacific to the effect that the California question is not as serious in Japan as it has been represented.

There is no time when Senator Knor cannot, if called upon to do so, write offhand a substitute for the league of

Senator Borah is one of the most energetic of personages in suggesting New Year resolutions.

Martens has proved himself an ex pert in the diplomatic art of the lingering farewell.

A New Year should be no less happy secarse it is strictly abstenious.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNBON.

Hememade Embellishments. When Happy New Year comes at There are no birds to sing. So you and I our best must do, And call it caroling.

An Old Word Dismissed.

No bills should be allowed to fail "You couldn't look for any old busi-

# **Editorial Digest**

Is a Naval Inquiry Sufficient? Just why editorial writers should follow political lines in discussing the conduct of the American marines in Halti is difficult to explain, but the fact is that a whole-hearted acceptance of the report on the Haitian situation just made by the Navy Department is confined chiefly to democratic papers, while the republican press is united in a demand for a

congressional inquiry which would be free from any hint of professional bias. "Americans were incredulous," the Philadelphia Record (independent democratic) recalls, "when they democratic) recalls. "when they heard, apparently on high authority, that in Haiti the marines had gone gunning for the natives as if they

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There has been no suggestion recently of a mixed cabinet. Soon after the announcement of the November the announcement of the November result several were made. The argument was that as hundreds of thousands of democrats had assisted in producing the result, Mr. Harding should give them representation in his official family.

The argument did not prove persuasive. It aroused only a languid interest. It was not supported in circles strictly political. It seemed to possess only a sentimental value.

The reply was this: The successful platicket was the republican ticket, nominated as such. The successful platic form was the republican platform, written and adopted as such. Those who voted for the ticket did so with confidence in it, and in the knowledge that success for the platform, with the sloweds as least of the platform, with the sloweds and there was no closed season." But these "irresponsible and malicious rumors, are now "effectually disposed of." the Chicago Daily News (independent) finds, "by the unanimous report of the court of inquiry." which has investigated every charge and has returned a judgment which is "a vindication," not in any sense a "whitewash."

The investigation, the Atlanta Journal (democratic) informs us, "not only failed to substantiate the charge of 'indiscriminate killings of natives,' but established very clearly that it had no basis in fact." Further, the Newark (N. J.) News (independent) adds, "the facts of the case are that the marines have put an end to 'indiscriminate killings."

Gen. Barnett, the Birmingham Age-Herald (democratic) concedes, "may have been sincere in his accusations and desirous of ending a condition of affairs which he believed contrary to American ideals of fair play \* \* but he showed bad judgment in try-ling to create a public scandal and success for the ticket would mean success for the platform, with the

censure."

The Mobile Register (democratic) is not so lenient. "The affair will not be completed to the public's satisfaction." it asserts, "until the man responsible to the charge is brought sharply to it asserts, "until the man remonsible for the charge is brought sharply to ccount."
The Butte Miner (democratic) agrees

rejoices in the exoneration in which "the charges have been swept away," resulting in "another splendid triumph for Americanism." In clearing the record of the marines, the St. Louis Post Dispatch (independent) declares, "the honor of the United States in the matter is vindicated . and the good name which the Marine Corps has earned in many fields is not stained, but enhanced by its Haitian record."

the blame and the consequences will fall on that party. The republicans are responsible, though they were assisted in their triumph by great numbers of democrats.

Let Paso Times (democratic) makes is amplified by the Nashville Tennesseean (independent democratic) into a frank opinion that the "slanderous charges" were "only attempts to strike the Wilson administration over the shoulders of the marines," and with the facts in the case established they "will be allowed Its only chance to assert itself as an edifice of beauty comes when the inaugural ball brings the interior instead of the exterior of the pension office under observation.

the marines," and with the facts in the case established they "will be allowed to rest in the cemetery of outworn campaign lies." The Boston Post (independent democratic) also takes the position that these charges were used, at any rate, "to help along the campaign," as does the New York World (democratic), but the Louisville Post (democratic) in-

shorter hours for labor could ask for anything fairer than this.

Before another December business is expected to adjust itself in a way that will not compel the income tax collector to be a hindrance to Santa

Claus.

There has not been a New Year in a long time more fraught with happy sexpectation than this Elect of January.

Transported the Marine Corps exactly as Admiral Sims misrepresented the Mary."

While the report is, in effect, "a censure of Gen. Barnett," it does not "dispose of the question of the justice of our rule in Haiti," the New York Evening Post (independent) holds, and since "all that we have had thus far are obviously biased and extreme charges and official denials," it is apparent that "nothing short of a congressional investigation can get at the facts."

The Springfield Republican (independent) believes that "while the marines are acquitted of any grave misconduct," it is advisable for a congressional committee to go into the

York Globe (independent), and the "Navy Department's ceremonious exoneration of itself cannot be accepted as settling the question." This the St. Louis Star (independent) seconds.

Finme Issue in American Politics. One of the racial influences contributing to the enormous volume of Mr. Harding's plurality was the animosity aroused against President Wilson's administration among citizens of Italian birth or ancestry on the issue of Fiume. His assertion of a manifestly just policy aroused intense bitterness among voters of Italian blood, and that bitterness was industriously cultivated by republican

Italian blood, and that bitterness was industriously cultivated by republican campaigners. Fiume was an excellent talking point. Mr. Wilson's attitude cost the democratic party many thousands of votes.

It may be too much to expect that the Fiume issue will serve as a lesson to other racial elements in this country. The Italian whose vote at the Fiume issue found his justification in the early course of the Italian government, which had its most ardent defenders among republican spell-binders, most of whom knew nothing about the merits of the issue and cared still less. As it has been, so, in all human probability, it will be again when occasion shall arise. Still, the Fiume incident, ended by the Italian government's acceptance of the course Mr. Wilson urged, will be remembered as a significant illustration of the ridiculous, illogical and often dangerous consequences which flow from the injection of racial prejudices into American politics.—Brooklyn Eagle (independent democratic).

Cables in Commerce and Politics.

There are no blossoms to extend
A greeting in good style,
So you and I our wish must lend
To bring a blooming smile.

Jud Tunkins says nations are a good deal like individuals, each hoping everybody else is going to be as unselfish and confiding as possible.

Uncle Bill Bottletop says a boctlegger couldn't do so much damage if all the stock he carried was what he could put in a bootleg.

An Old Word Dismissed.

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An Old Word Dismissed.

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The Wandering Bey.

"Did your boy Josh do like the heroes of the old stories by coming lack home on Christmas eve and paying the mortsage m the old place?"

"No," answered Farmer Corntossel. "You couldn't look for any old back with a brand-new automobile and showed me how I could berrow enough money to pay for it."

An old Word Dismissed.

"For the same or kindred reasons quick, direct cable communication is important in every phase of communication between nations—communication between nations—commencial, political, news and family important in every phase of communication between nations—communication between nations—communication in any or the every phase of communication between nations—communication between nations—communication between nations—communication in every phase of communication between nations—and family important in every phase of communication in every market of communication in every market and advantage. Direct cables protect the secrety of communication between nations—of foreign competitors, enables ship-owners to win charters for vessels, diplomate to foreign competitors, enables men to win contracts ahead of foreign competitors, enables and family intercurse. Quick, direct cable communication intercurse. Quick, direct and win contraction family intercurses and family intercurses. The spread from a country controlling and in for

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